GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – MA&UD Department – Sri K.Surya Prakash, the then Junior Assistant, Samalkot Municipality – Disciplinary Proceedings instituted under Rule- 20 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Inquiry conducted – Penalty of stoppage of two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative efect against him, besides recovery of loss of Rs.73,073/- imposed – Orders issued – O.A.No.3199 of 2010 fled by Sri K.Surya Prakash, the then Junior Assistant, Samalkot Municipality – Set aside the said punishment by the Hon'ble Tribunal with certain directions - Examined - Withdrawn the punishment of imposition of two (2) annual grade increments with cumulative efect – Withdrawing the remaining portion of recovery of loss for all purpose - Orders – Issued.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 396 **Dated.15.06.2023**

Read the following:

1) G.O.Rt.No.1463, MA&UD (L1) Dept., Dt.07.12.2002
2) G.O.Rt.No.668, MA&UD (L1) Department, dated.17.11.2009.
3) O.A.No.3199 of 2010 filed by Sri K.Surya Prakash, the then Junior Assistant, Samalkot Municipality.
4) Orders of A.P.A.T. in O.A.No.3199 of 2010, dated.05.11.2012 filed by Sri K.Surya Prakash, the then Junior Assistant, Samalkot Municipality.
5) Govt.Memo.No.9086/Vig.I/2010, dated.23.11.2012 and further reminders.
6) From the C&DMA., A.P., Vaddeswaram, Letter Roc.No.4390/2000/C2, dated.01.07.2022.
7) G.O.Rt.No.625, MA & UD (Vig.I) Dept., Dt.25.08.2022
8) Govt.Memo.No.9086/Vig.I/2010, dated.25.08.2022.
9) From the RDMA, Lr.Roc.No.1399/2022/A3, comprehensive report Dt.06.10.2022 received through the CDMA, RoC.No. 4390/2000/C1/C2, Dt.28.10.2022
10) From the RDMA, Lr.Roc.No.1399/2022/A3, subsequent reports Dt.14.12.2022 & Dt.29.03.2023 received through the CDMA, Roc.No.4390/ 2000/C1/C2, dated 25/04/2023.

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O R D E R:

Whereas, in the referene 1st read above, disciplinary proceedings were initiated by issuing articles of charges against Sri K.Surya Prakash, the then Junior Assistant, Samalkot Municipality on certain irregularities noticed in execution of ILCS Scheme (Stage–IIA) in Samalkot Municipality during 1998-99. After following due procedure, Government issued orders, imposing a punishment of stoppage of two (2) Annual Grade Increments with cumulative efect, besides recovery of loss of Rs.73,073/- against Sri K.Surya Prakash, the then Junior Assistant, Samalkot Municipality, vide reference 2nd read above.

2. Aggrieved the said punishment orders issued by the Government, the delinquent officer Sri K.Surya Prakash, the then Junior Assistant, Samalkot

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Municipality, filed O.A.No.3199 of 2010 in APAT. In the reference 4th read above, the Hon'ble APAT, Hyderabad in its Orders, dated.05.11.2012 in O.A.No.3199 of 2010 held that:

> *"The O.A., is allowed by setting aside the G.O.Ms.No.668, MA&UD (L1) Department, dated.17.11.2009 and directed the respondents to proceed with the enquiry, as per Rule-20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991. The respondents are also directed to take note of Circular dated.28.04.1999, issued by the MA Dept., and pass appropriate orders according to the Rules".*

3. Government examined the matter duly taking into consideration of advice of advisory departments and decided to consider to fle W.P. in A.P. High Court on the above orders of APAT, since the delinquency is decade old, it may not be practicable to conduct the regular enquiry against the individuals, as directed by the Hon'ble APAT vide reference 4th read above. Due to various reasons, could not fle the Writ Petition in this regard.

4. After detailed examination of the matter; keeping in view the orders of APAT., dated.05.11.2012 in O.A.No.3199/2010, the Government in the reference 7th read above, issued orders withdrawing the punishment of two (2) annual grade increments with cumulative efect against Sri K.Surya Prakash, the then Junior Assistant,, Samalkot Municipality, issued in G.O.Rt.No.668, MA&UD (L1) Department, dated.17.11.2009, with a condition that the actual loss will be recovered from him, if any, by taking into the consideration of Circular dated.28.04.1999, and further order / instructions issued by the M.A. Department.

5. Accordingly, in the reference 8th read above, the C&DMA., A.P., Guntur was requested to arrive at the actual loss caused by the delinquent, duly taking into consideration of Inquiry Report, Circular Memo., dt.28.04.1999 and further orders issued by the Government in this regard and furnish his report with regard to the loss, if any, to be recovered from the delinquent, by following due procedure in this regard.

6. In the reference 9th & 10th read above, the RDMA, Rajamahendravaram, among others stated/clarifed that the Inquiry Authority has not gone through the procedure prescribed and submitted report in vague without verifying the units on Ground and without taking into consideration of the Presenting Ofcer's report and written arguments of C.O and he simply said at glance that the loss occurred. The RDMA has also confrmed that the payments were made by the Municipality to the benefciary directly in the presence of the Chairperson, Municipal Council, and obtained completion certifcate from the NHCs and as per the Circular Dt.28.04.1999, the action of the C.O., was tenable. However, it may not be possible to arriving loss to the Municipality after a long lapse of (20) years, as the incident occurred in the year 2002. The CDMA, A.P. Guntur while sending the said detailed report of RDMA, Rajamahendravaram, has requested to issue necessary orders in the matter.

7. Government have examined the matter in detail; keeping in view the

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detailed/comprehensive report submitted by the RDMA, Rajamahendravaram, through the CDMA, A.P. Guntur, and observe that it may not be possible to arrive at the loss to the Municipality after a lapse of (20) years, as the incident occurred in the year, 2002. In order to avoid further legal complications, it is decided to withdraw the remaining portion of punishment i.e., recovery of loss of Rs.73,073/-imposed in the reference 2nd read above, against Sri K.Surya Prakash, the then Junior Assistant, Samalkot Municipality.

8. Accordingly, the Government hereby withdrawn the remaining portion of punishment i.e., recovery of loss of Rs.73,073/- imposed in the reference 2nd read above against Sri K.Surya Prakash, the then Junior Assistant, Samalkot Municipality, for all purposes.

9. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P., Vaddeswaram, Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter.

10. The receipt of the G.O., shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y. SRILAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P.,
Vaddeswaram, Guntur.
Sri K.Surya Prakash, the then Junior Assistant, Samalkot Municipality
– **through** the C&DMA., A.P., Guntur.

Copy to:
The Municipal Commissioner, Samalkot Municipality.
The G.P. for Serviced-IV, MA&UD Department, A.P. High Court, Amaravati.
The Principal Accountant General (A&E), A.P., Vijayawada.
SF / SC.

// FORWARDED BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER.